

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application No. | : 10/541,246 | Confirmation No.: 5820 |
| Applicant(s) | : Mark L. Lawrence | |
| Filed | : September 12, 2006 | |
| Title | : Methods of preparation of live attenuated bacterial vaccine by alteration of dna adenine methylase (dam) activity in those bacteria | |
| TC/A.U. | : 1645 | |
| Examiner | : Navarro, Albert Mark | |
| Docket No. | : 028186.61646 | |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Amendment and Reply

Dear Commissioner:

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 30, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period of three months. Entry of this Amendment and Reply and reconsideration of the rejections in light of the arguments contained in this Amendment and Reply are respectfully requested. Early and favorable action is further requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification – none.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings – none.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An Appendix - None.